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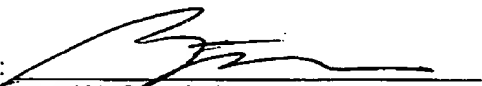
**REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW**

Sir:

Applicants' undersigned representative requests an Interview with the Examiner - preferably on or before Wednesday, December 21, 2005. A Final Office Action was issued for the above-referenced application on October 21, 2005.

In the Interview, applicants' representative would like to discuss how applicants' claim 1 (and other independent claims) might be worded to enable this case to proceed to allowance. With respect to claim 1, for example, it is noted that in response to the Examiner's last Office Action, applicants merged the limitations of their claim 3 into their claim 1. However, the Examiner's 10/21/2005 "Response to Arguments" seems to indicate that the Examiner does not believe this was done. Applicants' representative believes an Interview may be able to identify language that would be more agreeable to the Examiner, and thereby achieve an allowance and disposal of this case.

Respectfully submitted,  
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